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Dodd Inquiry May Not Call Klein

The Senate Committee investigating misconduct charges against Sen. Thomas J. Dodd (D., Conn.) still has not decided whether to hear from a key figure in the case — lobbyist Julius Klein.

The closed hearings now being held by the Senate Ethics Committee deal with the relationship between Messrs. Dodd and Klein, a registered agent for West German interests. Columnists Drew Pearson and Jack Anderson charge that Sen. Dodd was Mr. Klein's errand boy and accepted gifts from him.

SPECULATION

The absence of Mr. Klein — his Washington office said he was in West Germany on business and was not expected back until mid-July — stirred speculation that the Committee might go thru the hearings without calling him to testify.

A Committee spokesman said Mr. Klein had not been subpoenaed or asked to appear nor has he submitted any written statement. Committee Chairman John C. Stennis (D., Miss.) asked about a possible Mr. Klein appearance, said, "We'll make a decision ... when we get to it."

As the Committee went into its second day of hearings there was a chance the inquiry might move into public session before the end of the week. Up to now the panel's investigation has been a closely guarded secret.

CALLED BACK

James P. Boyd Jr., a former \$23,000-a-year administrative assistant to Sen. Dodd, was called back before the Committee for cross examination by Sen. Dodd's lawyer. The Senator is being accorded the privilege of cross-examining witnesses — a rarity in congressional investigations.

The 37-year-old Boyd has



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James P. Boyd, former administrative assistant to Sen. Thomas J. Dodd, criticizes the probers's refusal to use as evidence the documents taken from the Senator's office.

admitted stealing some 4000 documents from Sen. Dodd's files and giving them to Messrs. Pearson and Anderson, who used them as a partial basis for a variety of allegations against the Senator. The latter is suing the columnists for \$2 million on four counts of libel and conspiracy.

DOCUMENTS

The Committee began its hearings yesterday by dismissing as evidence any of the documents taken from Sen. Dodd's office. Mr. Boyd protested the move, but Sen. Stennis said there was a serious legal question about the admissibility of stolen documents.

Sen. Wallace F. Bennett (R., Utah), the Committee's vice chairman, said the panel felt the lifted papers would resemble evidence obtained by "bugging," which generally is not admissible in ordinary courts. (UPI)